PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION.

Thursday, the 2nd August 1934/18th Karkatakam 1109.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the clock, the President presiding.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls : –

1. Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai.
2. ,, C. O. Madhavan.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Scholarship for the study of Ayurveda in the Benares Hindu University.

123. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) the principle on which the Government scholarship is awarded to a student in the Ayurveda College, Trivandrum, for studies in the Benares Hindu University for the degree of Ayurveda Acharya; and

(ii) the name and qualification of the student selected in 1108 ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a castewar statement, with the respective rank of each in order of merit, of the students of the class to which the selected candidate belonged ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) (i) No such scholarship has been awarded.

(*a*) (ii) and (*b*). In view of the answer to part (*a*) (i), these do not arise.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : On a point of explanation, I wish to say that, in the report of the Ayurveda Department, there is some information that a scholarship was given to one student for prosecuting his studies in the Benares Hindu University.

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A scholarship was given to a student who was studying in the Ayurveda College of the Benares Hindu University. He was not a student of the Ayurveda College, Trivandrum.

Rural Panchayats.

124. ***MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any rural Panchayats have been established during this year (1109); and

(*b*) if so, how many?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I ask, Sir, whether the Government do not propose to organise the three Village Panchayats during this year?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The original idea was to organise 15 Panchayats. Subsequently, proposals were received for opening ten Panchayats; and of these eight have already been opened. Government are watching the progress of these eight Panchayats to decide whether more Panchayats should be opened. The whole question whether more Panchayats should be opened and how far they should be developed to meet the rural requirements of the country is under the consideration of Government.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): My question is whether the programme for the year 1109 included the opening of three new Panchayats?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, the opening of three Panchayats was included in the programme, but it was not possible to open them.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the Panchayats already opened are doing any work?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. I think six of them have already started work.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether there is any Panchayat at Nedumangad?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. there is one.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether that Panchayat is working now?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it is working.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What sort of work has the Panchayat got to do?

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